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Application No.: 09/498,821  
Filing Date: February 4, 2000  
Applicant: Lutkus et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: Flemming Saether  
Title: Anti-Galling Fastener Inserts  
Attorney Docket: 0275M-000273

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the personal interview held on January 8, 2002. While no formal agreement was reached during the interview, a clearer understanding of the pending Official Action was obtained.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

1. (Twice Amended) A fastener insert formed from a nitrogen strengthened stainless steel alloy for insertion into a tapped hole, comprising:

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